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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REGULATIONS ON IMPORTED VEHICLES; MITI
APPROACH TO MOT

REFS: (A) TOKYO 2886; (B) TOKYO 2610

1. ACCORDING TO A MARCH 11 TRADE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
CONFIRMED BY MITI AND MOT OFFICIALS, MITI, ON MARCH 8,
SENT A WRITTEN PROPOSAL TO THE MOT SUGGESTING CERTAIN
IMPROVEMENTS BE MADE IN THE INSPECTION PROCEDURE ON
IMPORTED VEHICLES. IN ITS PROPOSAL, MITI POINTED OUT THAT
PRESENT INSPECTION PROCEDURE OFTEN MISCONSTRUED AS TRADE
BARRIER AGAINST IMPORTED VEHICLES.

2. THE PROPOSAL REQUESTED THAT THE MOT:

A. CHANGE THE DATE ON WHICH 1975 EMISSION CONTROL STANDARDS
COME INTO EFFECT ON IMPORTED CARS FROM THE DATE OF CUSTOMS

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CLEARANCE TO THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE OF THE CAR.

(DATE OF OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION STILL REMAINS APRIL 1).

B. DISPATCH JAPANESE VEHICLE INSPECTORS TO EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

C. EXPEDITE THE INSPECTION PROCEDURE ON IMPORTED MODELS (FORD MTR. CO. HAS TOLD US, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IT TOOK FROM MID-SEPT TO END-JANUARY TO CLEAR THEIR 76 MODELS FOR JAPAN, THE LONGEST TIME EVER).

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: AUTOMOBILE ISSUE IS DEFINITELY HEATING UP AS APRIL 1 EMISSION CONTROL DEADLINE FOR IMPORTS DRAWS NEAR. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION REPORTED REFTEL B, BRITISH EMBOFF PLANS DISCUSS BRITISH POSITION WITH US MARCH 15. AS VARIOUS APPROACHES (E.G., EEC AND FORD MTR. CO.) ON THIS ISSUE HAVE BEEN MADE TO GOJ WITHIN PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, WOULD SUGGEST DEPT FORWARD US APPROACH PROMISED STATE 31808 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SHOESMITH

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